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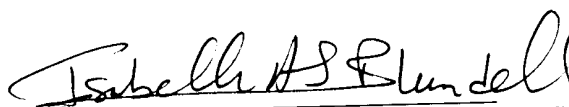
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APPLICANTS' REPLY

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on August 22, 1997. A two-month extension of time up to and including January 22, 1997, for submitting the Reply is hereby requested with the submission of the required fee. Kindly enter the following amendments in the above-mentioned patent application.

AMENDMENTIn the Specification:

Page 1, between the title and "Field of the Invention", please insert --This application is a continuation of provisional application US serial No. 60/004,953 filed on October 6, 1995, now abandoned.--

Page 1, line 14, delete the second occurrence of *cl* in "nucl*cl*eotides" so as to read --nucleotides--.